



**FISCAL IMPLICATIONS**

The appropriation of \$250.0 contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the general fund and may be expended in fiscal years 2004 and 2005. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of fiscal year 2005 shall revert to the general fund.

**OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES**

According to the CHE, a proposal for expansion of the WNMU "Childcare Center" in the amount of \$26,300 was one of two proposals ranked 1 out of 7 research and public service project expansion items submitted to the CHE by WNMU. This program was not recommended for expansion by the CHE. The request for \$26,300 was to reinstate the funds reduced in the 2002 General Appropriation Act.

**AMENDMENT**

The CHE suggests the following language for all new recurring higher education programs and expansion of current programs (assuming that funding will continue beyond 2002-2003):

"The institution receiving the appropriation in this bill submit a program evaluation to the Legislative Finance Committee and the Commission on higher Education by August 2005 detailing the benefits to the State of New Mexico from having implemented this program over a three period."

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